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Major Hearn, Regional Coordinator
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1701 First Avenue
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Dear Mr. Hearn

In response to your letter of July 30, 1984 addressed to Mr. Bob Gluck, included in this letter is information pertaining to requests made on page 3 of the above mentioned correspondence, as well as the intended plans of action of the Airport Authority, Rusk Crop Spraying and Penceill Aviation.

I have met with Messrs. Howard Wheeler and Joe Russell to discuss these four items and we have concurred that the following action be taken:

- Item 1 All open burning of commercial wastes will cease. Pesticide containers will be emptied and triple-rinsed using the rinsate as part of the spray solution. Containers will then be mixed with other general refuse generated at the site and taken to a licensed sanitary landfill.
- Item 2 Large chemical containers storing pesticides, fertilizers, and crop oils will be protected by dikes or other structures capable of containing the contents of stored materials, with exception given to the large containers which are empty, no longer in use and expected to be sold, as well as those which store liquid plant foods considered non-toxic and suitable for animal consumption.
- Items 3 & 4 Messrs. Howard Wheeler and Joe Russell have informed me that due to the expense and quality of the newer products on the market, virtually every application utilizes all measurable quantities of any given product. Any remaining product is diluted with water and reapplied to either the customer's or other consenting parties' fields, thus wastes are essentially eliminated from their operations.

Mr. Wheeler has assured me that he will close and seal-off the existing underground collection tank which no longer serves any practical purpose to his operation.

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Additionally, it is apparent from physical inspection of the operations in question that even the infrequent season-end cleaning of aircraft and equipment poses no detrimental effect to the surrounding environment, this being evidenced by the continued growth of vegetation within the immediate vicinity

In closing, the Airport Authority, Rusk Crop Spraying and Russell Aviation, acknowledge their mutual responsibilities for the protection of the community's land, water and air resources through the use of a continuing environmental management program utilizing currently established governmental laws, regulations, policies and guidelines

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance in this matter

Sincerely,



Steven C. Skorepa, Airport Manager

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cc Joe Russell
Howard Winkler